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**Proclaiming National Patient Safety Awareness Week**

The National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF) is the founding sponsor of Patient Safety Awareness Week and has led the event since 2002. The Department of Health Services joins NPSF in supporting this year's campaign **Patient Safety 7/365: 7 days of recognition, 365 days of commitment to safe care**, which underscores the need to understand the importance of patient safety and to recognize the range of efforts being made to improve health safety in the United States and worldwide.

The Patient Safety Awareness Week campaign seeks to make patients, providers, and the public aware of how they can participate in these efforts and partner to improve patient safety. NPSF encourages creative collaboration among hospital systems, provider groups, patient advocates, and other community organizations to help patients and consumers understand how they can be part of the solution.

Now more than ever in health care, a focus on empowering patients and strengthening patient-provider communications are seen as paramount to reducing errors.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** proclaim the week of March 3-9, 2013 as National Patient Safety Awareness Week in Los Angeles County.

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